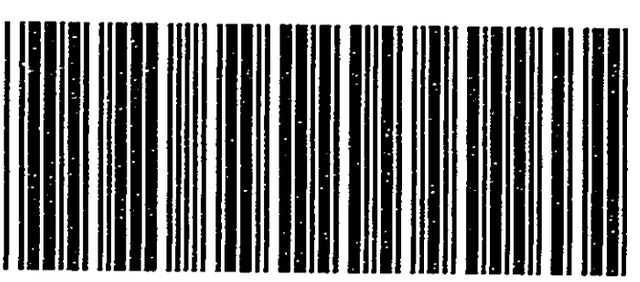
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5030 Gunner Herbert Vere Horstmann

3rd Field Artillery Brigade



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A.I.F. 7th Batty 3rd F.A.B.

HORSTMANN
Gnr H.V.5030

"KILLED IN ACTION DET D/B"

Killed in Action 31/8/18 - Buried Herbecourt Com. Cem. Extension 4½ miles West of Peronne
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs List 17/12/18

London
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Aust Field Arty. 3. 7. Horstmann H.V. 5030.

K. 31st August 1918. Det D/B.

He was killed by a shell while sitting on a limber after leaving Rosieres going to Susanne, in the afternoon, about 4 o'clock. He was badly knocked about in the head I do not know where he was buried as he was taken away by a Field Ambulance.

Inf:- Pte H.G.Lewis No. 37221.
Aust Field Art. 3. 7.
Hospital Ship.

RBS.

L. A.

PP.

A.I.F.,
3rd A.F.A.

HORSTMAN. Pte.
H.V. 5030.

Killed 31.8.18.

I know that Horstman was killed by a shell on the Somme as we were moving up the line. I saw his body on the ground. He would have been buried as we were then near a Dressing Station.

NYR-witness:- Yes.
Description:- 5/7or8, fair hair. about 21, acem from Queensland.
Informant:- 11344 Pte. L.C. Johnson.
3rd M.F.A., A.I.F.
King George Hpl.
Stamford St. 23.3.19.
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9.4.19.
J.H.A.

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A.I.F.
A.Sub. Section
7th Bty.

HORSTMANN, Gnr. HV
5030

Kld. Aug 31/18

We were going through the village of Thepay on our way to the Somme 31/8/18.
Horstmann was sitting on the Waggon body of an Ammunition Waggon. The enemy were shelling the Village and a Shell burst on the Road killing Horstmann and causing the horses to bolt. His body was held by a Bmdr.Young of Brisbane.
We took his body to the F.Amb. at Thepay and he was buried there I gave his belongings to the M.O. there.
He came from Brisbane.

P. I.

Informant:- 1283, Sgt. Podmore, W.L.
7th Bty.

W.H.Hacker, Sgt.,
H.T."Orca"

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3rd F.A.B.

HORSTMANN
HORSMANN,
H.V. 5030

K. 31/8/18

About 5ft 8ins, of slim build about 20 years of age. We were moving from a position at Rosiers, following up the enemy retreat, and had to pass along a portion of the road under shell fire, it was just before we crossed the Somme river, when Hortsmann who was riding on an ammunition waggon a couple of teams ahead of me, was hit by a piece of shell and his head badly mutilated, he died instantly and his body was buried near by, close to a Dressing Station. Cheery was on the opposite side of the river. He was of a quiet disposition and well liked by all.

Malone, A.
4398, 3rd F.A.B.
Private Address:-
63 East Crescent Street,
McMahon's Point,
SYDNEY

Sgt. E.A. Gill,
H.M.A.T. "Suffolk"
5/5/19.

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7th Battery — No 5030 - H.V. Horstmann.

K-A 31-8-18

"This man was at Herbecourt and was killed there whilst tracking from Rossiers to Cleary. He was buried by the 5th or 7th Field Ambulance at thier Dressing Station. Death was instantaneous."

Informant:- Captain S.B. Bond,
Chaplain,
3rd Army Brigade.

H. Jose.

T.S. Anchises

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